

To-day's Advertisements.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.
The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s
Steamship
Capt. G. W. F. Brown,
K.N.R., will leave for the above place at
Noon TO-MORROW, the 9th Inst.
E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, July 8, 1890. 1194

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.
The Co.'s Steamship
Formosa,
Capt. Hall, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on THURSDAY, the 10th Instant, at
11 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARRAK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, July 8, 1890. 1216

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.
The Co.'s Steamship
Titan,
Capt. Brown, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on THURSDAY, the 10th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, July 8, 1890. 1192

STEAM TO MANILA VIA AMOY.
The Steamship
Nanning,
Capt. Talbot, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on THURSDAY, the 10th Instant, at 3 p.m.

This Steamer has superior Accommodation
for First-class Passengers.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, July 8, 1890. 1219

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.
(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates
for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW
CHANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW
and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship
Falcon,
Capt. Jackson, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on SATURDAY, the 12th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, July 8, 1890. 1220

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
NOTICE.
STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND
NAGASAKI.

(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)
The Co.'s Steamship
General Weller,
Capt. M. Kohnen, will
leave for the above Ports
on or about the 13th Instant.

For further Particulars, apply to
MEYER & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, July 8, 1890. 1223

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
NOTICE.
STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

The Co.'s Steamship
Sachsen,
Capt. K. V. Gussow, will
leave for the above place
about 24 hours after arrival with the outward
German Mail.

For further Particulars, apply to
MEYER & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, July 8, 1890. 1224

FOR NEW YORK.
The 3/3 A.L.I. British Barque
Asyria,
Capt. Baxton, shortly ex-
pected, will lead here for the
above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, July 8, 1890. 1225

FOR NEW YORK.
The 3/3 A.L.I. Amer. Barque
Tillie Baker,
Capt. J. Carey, is loading
for the above Port, and will
have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, July 8, 1890. 1221

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
NOTICE.
STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN,
SUET, PORT SAID,
BRINDISI, GENOA,
ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG,
PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK
SEA & BALTIC PORTS;
ALSO,
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON,
BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS,
GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN
PORTS.

The Company's STEAMERS will call
at SOUTHAMPTON to LAND PASSENGERS
and LOGGERS.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills
of Lading for the principal places in
RUSSIA.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 30th day of July,
1890, at 4 p.m., the Company's
Steamship **SAISON**, Capt. K. V. Gussow,
with MAILED PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
and CARGO, will leave this port as above,
calling at GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till
Noon, Cargo will be received on board
until 4 p.m., Specie and Passengers until
5 p.m. on the 30th July. (Parcels are
not to be sent on board; they must be
left at the Agents' Office). Contents and
Value of Packages are required.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation
and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.
For further Particulars, apply to:
MEYER & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, July 8, 1890. 1222

To-day's Advertisements.

CITY HALL, HONGKONG.
CROWDED NIGHTLY.
**HARRY STANLEY'S OPERATIO
COMPANY.**

THIS EVENING,
'STRUCK OIL.'
TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY),
'MADAME ANGOT.'

Prices, as usual.
Hongkong, July 8, 1890. 1121

ROWLANDS' KALYDOR soap and re-
freshes the face and hands of all exposed
to the sun and heat, and produces a beautiful
and healthy complexion. Since 1871, it has
been the favorite of the world.
Wholesale and Retail Agents for China:
A. S. WATSON & Co., Shanghai. 1216

MACASSAR OIL preserves
the hair from falling out, and can be used
as a hair oil or as a hair restorer. It is
also a valuable remedy for the itching
scalp, and for the cure of dandruff.
Wholesale and Retail Agents for China:
A. S. WATSON & Co., Shanghai. 1216

ODONTO whitens the teeth, pre-
vents decay, and gives a fresh dispo-
sition to the mouth.

**PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF
HONGKONG.**
No. 1165.

A Regular MEETING of the above
LODGE will be held in the FREE-
MASON'S HALL, Zetland Street, on WED-
NESDAY, the 10th Instant, at 8.30 for
9 p.m., precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are
cordially invited.

Hongkong, July 8, 1890. 1217

**Occidental & Oriental Steam-
Ship Company.**

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS
TO JAPAN, THE UNITED
STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND
SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE,
VIA.

THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
AND
ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING
STEAMERS.

THE Steamship **OCEANIC** will be
despatched for San Francisco, via
Yokohama, on THURSDAY, the 31st July,
at 1 p.m.

Connection being made at Yokohama,
with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan
Ports.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to
address in full, and same will be received
at the Company's Office, until 5 p.m. the
day previous to sailing.

First-class Fares granted as follows—
To San Francisco \$225.00
To San Francisco and return, \$393.75
To Liverpool 325.00
To London 330.00

Special reduced rates granted to
Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service
and the Imperial Chinese Customs, to be
obtained on application.

Passengers by this Line have the option
of proceeding overland by the Southern
Pacific and connecting Lines, Central Pacific
Co., Northern Pacific or Canadian Pacific
Railways.

Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-
embarking at San Francisco for China or
Japan (or vice versa) within one year will be
allowed a discount of 10%. This allowance
does not apply to through fares from China
and Japan to Europe.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo
destined to points beyond San Francisco,
in the United States, should be sent to the Col-
lector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 50A, Queen's Road Central.

C. D. HARMAN,
Agent.
Hongkong, July 8, 1890. 1218

**DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA,
LIMITED.**
CHEMISTS.

**DAKIN'S EXTRACT OF GLYCERINE
AND
CUCUMBER.**

BENDEEN THE SKIN SOFT, SUPPLE & SMOOTH.

INVALUABLE IN THE
NURSERY.

REMOVES AND PREVENTS
ROUGHNESS, REDNESS,
and
CHAPPING.

ITS agreeable property of softening and
clearing the skin will be noticed after
three or four days use, and by its continued
application the complexion will be preserved
indefinitely, retaining to the last the fine
texture of youth. Gentlemen will find its
application useful and soothing after shav-
ing.

Price, Cents 40 and 75 per Bottle.

Nos. 22 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD
CENTRAL. 1175

SHIPPING.
ARRIVALS.
July 8, 1890.—

* Rome, British steamer, 2,430, A. W.
Adams, Shanghai July 7, Mails and
General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

* Yikang, British steamer, 836, R. C. D.
Beasley, Shanghai July 3, and Swatow 7.
General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

* Albany, British steamer, 1,489, Edward
Porter, Kutchinofa July 1, Calcutta, Am-
sam, Bait, & Co.

* Elm, German steamer, 747, M. Jensen,
Hapshong July 5, General.—A. R. Marx.
Nagasaki, British steamer, 805, Jas.
Blackburne, Singapore June 23, and Ben-
gale July 1, Rice.—Hor Hing Bore.

Nanning, British steamer, 809, R. Talbot,
Nanning, July 8, 1890. 1222

Business Notices.

HONGKONG TRADING COMPANY, LD.
(LATE THE HALL & HOLTZ CO-OPERATIVE COY., LTD.)

**IMPORTANT
CLEARANCE SALE,**

**FURNITURE AND FURNISHING REQUISITES,
NOW PROCEEDING.**

ALSO included in the above Sale, a very fine Collection of OIL PAINTINGS,
by known Artists; and a few SPORTING PLATES at extraordinary Low Prices.

SEE CIRCULARS.

HONGKONG TRADING COMPANY, LD.
(LATE THE HALL & HOLTZ CO-OPERATIVE COY., LTD.) 1230

SHARE LIST—QUOTATIONS—JULY 8, 1890

Stocks	No. of Shares	Value.	Paid- up.	Closing Quotations, Cash.
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp., MARINE INSURANCE.	60,000	125	all	\$201 1/2 prem.
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ltd., China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., Chinese Insurance Co., Limited, North-China Insurance Co., Ltd., Straits Insurance Co., Ltd., Union Insurance Society Co., Ltd., Yantai Insurance Association, Ltd.	10,000 24,000 1,500 30,000 30,000 10,000 8,000	250 83.33 1,000 200 100 250 100	all all all all all all all	\$5120, sales 25 7/8 200 nominal 50 1/2 50 1/2 25 1/2 nominal 100 1/2
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Straits Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., WATER AND MARINE INSURANCE.	20,000 8,000 20,000 40,000	100 250 100 100	all all all all	20 3/8 20 3/8 20 3/8 20 3/8
H.K. & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., STEAMBOATS.	12,000 3,500	125 50	all all	53 1/2 prem. 103
China and Manila S. S. Co., Ltd., Douglas Steamship Co., Limited, H. O. and M. Steamship Co., Ltd., Indo-China S. S. Company, Limited, Steam Launch Company, Limited.	20,000 20,000 20,000 60,000 2,000	50 50 50 10 50	all all all all all	103 55 57 25 1/2 35 par, buyers
China Sugar Company, Limited, Luzon Sugar Company, Limited.	15,000 7,000	100 100	all all	117 1/2 88
H.K. & Kwong, Wharf & Godown Co., LAND AND BUILDING.	20,000 50,000	50 50	all all	84 50 3/2
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited, Kowloon Land and Building Com- pany, Limited, Peak Building Company, Limited, Richmond Terrace Building Com- pany, Limited, Shanghai Land Company, Limited, West Point Building Co., Limited, Trust and Loan Co. of China & Co., Ltd.	50,000 6,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 12,500 99,875 1,250	100 50 100 100 100 50 100 100	all all all all all all all all	118, sellers 710 2200 20 1/2 20 1/2 20 1/2 4 3/4 1 1/4 1 1/4
H.K. High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd. MINING.	1,200 4,500	100 5	all all	125 33
Jelutong Mining & Trading Co., Ltd. Panama & Sanguine Dredging Ma- chine Co., Limited, Selama Tin Mining Company, Limited, Societe Francaise des Charbon- nages du Tonkin, The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Ltd. Imoria Mines, Limited.	60,000 115,000 25,000 8,000 15,000 17,000	1 5 5 50 10 1	all all all all all all	30 28 1/2, sales 28 1/2 500, sellers 814, buyers 15 1/2
China-Borneo Company, Limited, East Borneo Planting Co., Limited, Labak Planting Company, Limited, Sungei Ujong Planting Co., Ltd., H. O. Brown & Co., Limited, The Lamsing Planting Co., Limited.	7,500 4,000 5,000 5,000 6,000 6,000	100 50 50 50 50 50	all all all all all all	518, sales 415, buyers 20 nominal 415, buyers 20 nominal 20 nominal
Amst. Amst. Hotel and Building Company, Limited, Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd., 3,000 shares issued, Peak Hotel & Trading Co., Limited, Borneo Hotel and Stores Co., Ltd., Shamoon Hotel & Land Co., Ltd.	4,000 3,000 4,000 1,000 5,000	50 50 50 50 50	all all all all all	10 3/4 dis. 200 20 1/2 332, nom. 20 1/2, nom.
DISPENSARIES.	50,000	1	all	\$214
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited, Crucifixion & Co., Limited.	1,000	1	all	\$140, nom.
MINING.	5,100	10	all	157, sellers
H.K. and Whampoa Dock Co., Limited, Hongkong Electric Co., Limited.	1,200 30,000	100 100	all all	7 1/2 68 1/2, cash
BRICK AND CEMENT.	20,000	50	all	30
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., Hongkong Brick & Cement Co., Ltd.	4,000 4,000	25 25	all all	17 1/2 15, nom.
MISCELLANEOUS.	6,000	50	all	20 1/2
A. G. Gordon & Co., Limited, Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited, Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited, Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Ltd., Hongkong Ice Company, Limited, H.K. Ropes Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Mauritius Furniture Co., Ltd.	1,500 1,500 5,000 3,000 5,000 5,000 3,000	10 10 25 50 25 25 25	all all all all all all all	111 111 25 12, nom. 100, sellers 110 110

* Founder's shares

LOANS.

Chinese Importers, 1894, \$1,354,700, 1/500
" " 1894, \$1,584,700, 1/500
" " 1894, \$1,767,200, 1/250

DEBITURES.
Hongkong Hotel Mort. \$ 400,000, 0/500
page Debitures, 1899

Manila July 5, Hemp, Sugar, &c.—JAR-
DINE, MATHESON & Co.

Tian, British steamer, 1,525, Brown,
Shanghai via Foochow July 6, Tea.—BUT-
TERFIELD & SWIRE.

Formosa, British steamer, 974, T. P. Hall,
Tamsui July 3, Amoy & Swatow 7.
General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Kong Kong, British steamer, 852, R.
Jones, Bangkok July 1, General.—YUEN
FAI HONG.

DEPARTURES.
July 8.—
Dinner, for Shanghai.
Acte, for Hoihow.
Hoihow, for Coast Ports.
Yuenfong, for Bangkok.
Nestor, for Yokohama.
Sungking, for Swatow.
Belgie, for San Francisco.
Sulley, for Shanghai.

CLEARED.
Johanna, for Hoihow.
Riverdale, for Kutchinofa.

PASSENGERS.
ARRIVED.

Per Rome, from Shanghai; for Hongkong,
Mr. V. B. de Souza and native servant, Mr.
and Mrs. A. J. Noronha, 3 infants and 2
servants, and 18 Chinese; for Singapore,
Mr. H. S. Wilkinson, Mr. R. T. Beattie and
servant, for London, Mr. J. Barr.

Per Yikang, from Shanghai, 129 Chinese.
Per Elm, from Hapshong, Mrs. Farnham
and 2 children, and 14 Chinese.
Per Nanning, from Nanning, 2 Chinese.
Per Nanning, from Manila, 4 Europeans,
and 38 Chinese.

Per Formosa, from Tamsui, Mr. R. Hill,
and 125 Chinese.
Per Kong Kong, from Bangkok, Mr.
Kau, 1 Japanese, and 60 Chinese.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.
Daylight.—Mauritius leaves for B'kool,
10 a.m.—Dreadnought leaves for B'kool,
Noon.—Sulley leaves for Shanghai.
4 p.m.—Dreadnought leaves for Manila, &c.
5 p.m.—Mauritius leaves for Japan.

Amusements.
0 p.m.—Performance at the City Hall.
Miscellaneous.
Goods per *Hesperia* undelivered after
this date subject to rent.
Goods per *Peking* undelivered after this
date subject to rent.

WINE AND SPIRITS.
BY APPOINTMENT
A. S. WATSON & Co.,
LIMITED.
(ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.)
HONGKONG.

WE invite attention to the following old
branded Brandy, all of which are ex-
cellent quality and good value for the money.
The same being specially selected by our
London House, and bought direct from the
most noted Shippers, are imported in wood
and bottled by ourselves, thus enabling us
to supply the best goods at moderate
prices.

In ordering it is only necessary to
state the name and quantity of Wine or
Spirit wanted, and initial letter for quality
desired.

Orders through Local Post or by Tele-
gram receive prompt attention.

PORTS. (For Invalids and general use.)
Case. Per Bot.

A Alto Douro, good quality,
Green Capule 10 81.00

B Vintage, superior quality,
Red Capule 12 1.10

C Fine Old Vintage, superior
quality, Black Seal Capule 14 1.25

D Very Fine Old Vintage,
extra superior, Violet Capule
(Old Bottled) 18 1.50

SHERRIES.
A Delicate Pale Dry, dinner
wine, Green Capule 6 0.60

B Superior Pale Dry, dinner
wine, Green Seal Capule 7.50 0.75

C Monastilla, Pale Natural
Sherry, White Capule 10 1.00

CC Superior Old Dry, Pale
Natural Sherry, Red Seal
Capule 10 1.00

D Very Superior Old Pale
Dry, choice old Wine,
White Seal Capule 12 1.10

E Extra Superior Old Pale
Dry, very fine quality,
Black Seal Capule (Old
Bottled) 14 1.25

CLARETS.
A Superior Breakfast Claret,
Red Capule 4 54.50

B St. Etienne, Red Capule 4 50.00

C St. Julien 7 7.50

D La Rose 11 12.00

BRANDY.
A Hennessy's Old Pale, Red
Capule 12 1.10

B Superior Very Old Cognac,
Red Capule 14 1.25

C Very Old Liqueur Cognac,
Red Capule 18 1.50

D Hennessy's Finest Very Old
Liqueur Cognac, 1872
Vintage, Red Capule 24 2.00

SCOTCH WHISKY.
A Thorne's Blend, White
Capule 8 0.75

B Watson's Glenorchy, Mal-
low Blend, Blue Capule,
with Name and Trade
Mark 8 0.75

C Watson's A. B. Glenorchy,
Red Capule, with Name
and Trade Mark 8 0.75

D Watson's A. B. D Blend of
the Finest Scotch Malt
Whiskies, Violet Capule
..... 10 1.00

E Watson's Very Old Liqueur
Scotch Whisky, Gold Capule
..... 12 1.10

IRISH WHISKY.
A John Jameson's Old, Green
Capule 8 0.75

B John Jameson's Fine Old,
Green Capule 10 1.00

C John Jameson's Very Fine
Old, Green Capule 12 1.10

GENUINE BOTTLED WHISKY,
fine old, Red Capule,
with Name 10 1.00

GIN.
A Fine Old Tonn, White Capule
..... 4 50.00

B Fine Unswetened, White
Capule 4 50.00

C Fine A. V. H. Geneva 5 25.00

the administration of internal affairs or in
business of a commercial nature with foreign
individuals or companies. Mining and other
concessions have been granted by the Hove
Government to English companies, and there
is a good deal of British capital invested in

In accordance with the instructions issued recently to the Governor General by the Governor of the province, H. E. Li Hung-chang has sent out officials to inspect the various mining districts in the south-west of his province, Shun-Tiao and Kwan-Ping-fu. The workings in the latter district, known as the Tse Tung Mines, have been found to be rich in giving from the surface, coal and iron. They are within easy reach of a fine water highway, and the railway, if built either to Hupieh or Kiangsi, will run close to them. The value of the mines is vouched for by each high authorities as they have had them examined by the Chinese and Foreigners joined James Henderson and others equally reliable, and H. E. encourages very sanguine participation of their successful workings. The only weak point in the proposed operations is the scarcity of the necessary capital. The Shih-shan Mining Company is now organizing. Foreigners won't touch it, unless the sole management of the concern is guaranteed them. However, H. E. is just now negotiating with a Foreign firm on the subject, and it is expected that some agreement will be come to, for the same reason as that of the Tse Tung Mines. The value of the mines being worked under Foreign management.

Mr. Philippo said he would be able to prove that the prisoner was living in Pound Lane, Hongkong, at the time the crimes were alleged to have been committed. He would call five witnesses who would give evidence to that effect.

Cheng Yau said he lived beside the prisoner in Pound Lane and had known him since the third moon of last year. The prisoner was a workman employed by a contractor to do the work of erecting and repairing operations near the Chinese Recreation Ground. The contractor had gone to the country.

Another witness said a similar statement.

A third witness said he was a brother of the prisoner and knew him since he was a small boy. The prisoner came to the colony about February 1889, and lived in the same house with the witness. He was absent the day he was arrested and he never left the colony during last year.

Chung Hui, a carpenter, said he had known the prisoner to be a quiet, respectable man.

At the close of the evidence for the defence, addressed his Worship on the evidence, he said there were many

leaving transactions with Webber during the past year. I have been lending him money, and he has been repaying me money. I am not prepared to say to what extent he has repaid me. I have offered him money. I have received upwards of \$3,000. The first occasion on which I asked the defendant for payment was two months after I gave him the money. Two months after that I asked him for the money. After that I did not ask him for the money. I have not asked him for the money. Along with the promissory note Pukerson handed me some shares as security which I returned to him as they were of no use to me. I got a letter from Messrs Caldwell and Wilson on 14th May last, asking that the promissory note be repaid. I told them that it had not been destroyed, as he considered himself relieved of all responsibility because I had not replied to letters of his asking about the payment of the money by Messrs Caldwell and Wilson. I told them that on 20th March asking what was the balance due on the promissory note. I replied that nothing had been paid. I did not reply to the letter from Messrs Caldwell and Wilson because I thought it was not necessary. I told them that I had another letter from Messrs Caldwell and Wilson asking if they were to

So far as we can learn, the first cause of the trouble was the fact that the Chinese Authorities failed to notify the first attack having subside, and the requisite permission is accorded, further leaf bought, and "Shop" is made. We readily concede that we may be somewhat in error over the "modus operandi," but some such process occurs and is partly responsible for the falling off in quality. Of course, the second cause of the trouble is the occurrence of the primary causes of this falling off the excuse for such neglect, in the mouth of the grower, is the small price received by him for his leaf, which makes the growth of the acculent sweet potato quite as remunerative, and less precarious. Of the causes affecting the cost of laying down the leaf from the country at the port, it is not necessary to say much, though the fact that the "Teik'in" and subsidiary squeres, often told, the Chinese Authorities are deaf to address, and their deafness and blindness are increased by the utter, or might we say, "intentional" stupidity of their foreign advisor. When one so highly placed refuses to be any possible amelioration of the situation, it is not surprising that the Native Authorities with a shrug of the shoulder, and the consoling remark, "this is the duty receivable on Teik'in" fill, give up. As one who is increasing, what hope is left? So to any such suggestions that the "Teik'in" being a war tax, should long ago have been withdrawn, and that the export duty is now ridiculously in excess of its value, our own high officials are much too suspicious and much too tender of the friendly relations of the two Empires to hint at any such disagreeable thing.

Again, why to much duty and broken

Some officials, who collect the *likin* and deposit it at the different stations, knowing that Opium was a prohibited article, should be executed. They nevertheless winked at production, collected duty on it on the same account as if, saying that it was a duty on the accounts forwarded to the Board of Revenue or only accounting for a very small proportion of the amount collected. No mention being made of the duty thus collected on the surplus Opium, the officials must put the blame on the Board of Revenue. It is a well-known fact that Opium being sold more profitable than any other kind of produce, immense quantities must be raised, and if a proper system could be devised to check this squeezing, enormous sums would be saved to the Government. It is a pity that could be utilized for the public benefit, and might assist the Government in a large degree. His Majesty is therefore resolved that this evil should be stopped. With this in view, it is proposed that the provinces of Kirin, Hei-lung-kiang, Shensi, Szechuen, Yunnan, and Kiangnan, Opium being grown in large quantities and sent away for consumption to various places, having paid all *likin* and duty at the stations, be exempted from the *likin* and duty on the way, and Governors to bear in mind that, as the first step in putting an end to the irregularities that now exist in the collection of *likin*, they are to find out where the Opium is grown in their districts, and to exempt it from the *likin* and duty paid for it, and then take the necessary steps to levy the proper duty on it, and send in their report at once. The officers who have hitherto been collecting the duty are to be dismissed, and the *likin* and duty to be deducted in charging the Government. Three months are given to the officials in which to devise a proper method to collect the duty on the Native-grown Opium. Eight months are given to the officials, and the Inspector General of Customs has been able to learn much more about the subject than the Native officials; and a copy of the report from Sir Robert Hart, stating the provinces where Opium is grown, is sent to the Governor of each province. The Viceroy, who are bidden to be guided by Sir Robert's great experience in such matters. They are finally exhorted to search diligently into the subject, so that Chinese money may be kept in the country, and not sent to other countries, and benefiting other people.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

ject to the approval of Your Majesty's Ministers
 Government, the Great Northern Telegraph
 Company and the Eastern Extension Tele-
 graph Company has been entered into
 signed as far back as August 1887, by which
 the Chinese Government bound itself, as
 ject to the approval of Your Majesty's
 Government and of the Imperial Govern-
 ment of Russia, to charge, over its lines
 Kiachta, a fixed sum of 82 per word on
 messages to Europe, and not except with-
 the consent of the Companies to reduce or
 alter that rate. The Chinese Government

Per *Miles* *Urn*, at 4 p.m., on Wed-
day, the 8th inst., instead of as
previously notified.

privilege or concession which may be, at any time, granted by China or Japan, to

18 7, between the Chinese Government and
the Companies heretofore mentioned

day, the St. Inst. instead of as
viciously notified.

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